

# Community Health Affinity Group

## 2022 Prospectus



CHA offers an affinity group for leaders working in the areas of community health and community benefit. Operating in its second year in 2021 with 34 enrolled hospitals, the Community Health Affinity Group will continue in 2022 as follows.

### Aims

- Advance the strategic integration, alignment, performance and impact of children's hospital-sponsored community health initiatives;
- Identify opportunities for shared learning, collective action and/or input, only possible via multi-site collaboration;
- Elevate knowledge and best practices for community health among participating hospitals and expand the network of peers.

### Structure

- This is an annual topic-based affinity group. While not an improvement project, the group could identify and pursue benchmarking opportunities. Enrollment is for one year.
- Enrollment is at the hospital level and accommodates up to 3 consistent participants. The affinity group is not restricted by role/title and is appropriate for individuals with domain in community health or community benefit (see below for guidance). Dedicated participants will become the locus of leadership and have presentation opportunities.
- The group will hold two meetings in 2022, meeting in-person in both the Spring and Fall if possible. A Steering Committee will advise the group's direction and serve as its architects. Monthly Community Health Conversations will take place in addition to the two meetings.
- A closed listserv will be a mechanism for ongoing discussion. It will be tied to an online library to support resource collection, idea sharing and expanded learning.

### Calendar at a Glance

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November 2021	Enrollment opens
Jan – April 2022	Onboarding and launch of Monthly Community Health Conversations
May 2022	In-person meeting, date & location to be announced in January
June – September 2022	Monthly Community Health Conversations held
October 2022 -date TBD	In-person meeting, date and location to be announced in late spring
Nov – Dec 2022	Monthly Community Health Conversations held

### Participants

Implementing community health strategy takes a team effort. Therefore, participating hospitals are encouraged to include multiple team members representing different aspects of leadership and expertise in such areas as:

- community and population health
- strategy
- community benefit
- operations
- evaluation
- clinical leadership

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Designate a team leader from your organization who will serve as primary contact to CHA. They will coordinate the hospital team's work and contributions.

### Enrollment and Fee

The activities of this affinity group -- in-person meetings and virtual work -- will be funded by an annual team enrollment fee of **\$3,000**. Individuals are responsible for their own travel expenses.

### Enrollment Process

1. Signed this enrollment form and return to [Stacy.Biddinger@childrenshospitals.org](mailto:Stacy.Biddinger@childrenshospitals.org)
2. Newly enrolling hospitals should complete [the online team roster by December 31, 2021](#). Returning hospitals will receive a link to update your team roster upon receipt of your enrollment form.
3. Expect to receive a confirmation, a program survey and invoice once CHA receives your enrollment materials.

### Confidentiality

All information provided through the Community Health Affinity Group is confidential and for enrolled hospital use only. It is not to be shared with other organizations or individuals outside of your organization. CHA is committed to sharing -- as appropriate -- with the broader network of children's hospitals learning and resources discovered by this affinity group. We will do so with the group's prior permission and wherever possible, in partnership with group participants.

### Questions

Please contact the staff facilitation team with questions or comments

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### Signature

The signature of the Team Leader below indicates that your team has been identified and is prepared to meet the expectations of the Community Health Affinity Group. (Note, a single signature per team is required)

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